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Garrett Jackson..... **Town Planner**
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Marion Watts..... **Building Inspector**
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Jim Hicks..... **Human Resources & Safety**

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FROM THE UPPER DECK...



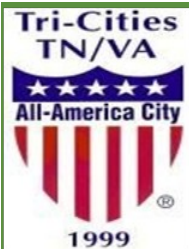
I trust everyone has had their share of snow and winter and is now spoiled a bit by the outbreak of sunshine and spring flowers that have suddenly emerged. The town crews are hard at work cleaning up and making the normal repairs to the town that a harsh winter causes. Hopefully, within the next few months, we will be restored to the grandeur that Abingdon is accustomed. Soon we will not only hear the lively and revived voice of nature but we will all hear the roar of laughter and the pounding beat of music that fills our streets from the many warm weathered community events that we have in store.

As we delve closer into another new upcoming fiscal year, we will begin some new capital improvement projects that range from continuing with our renovations and revitalization of the historic Muster Grounds and Fairview Cabin to the design phase of some additional sidewalks and pedestrian pathways. Also, we will continue on with our renovation of the Tourism office building and begin moving into Phase I of the Master Plan for Veterans Memorial Park.

Please keep your eyes open as we may have many interesting twists and turns in the next few months. In particular, be looking for the Virginia Highlands Festival Arts and Crafts segment of the festival to be located along Remsburg Drive this year, with the opening street party music event to take place in the newly revitalized Depot Square area. I am hopeful that the new twists and turns and capital improvements will keep everyone's feet on the concrete in the heart of downtown. This along with the many cultural events planned for the spring and summer, not to mention all of our normal recreational activities at the Creeper Trail and the Coomes Recreation Center, should be enough to keep even the most active person fully occupied. So, come out and enjoy the weather and all that the town has to offer. Walk, ride, take in a play or just shop until you drop and be sure to work up an appetite to enjoy a meal at one of our many unique restaurants.

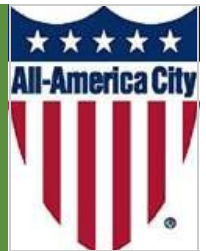
As the new slogan goes, get out and "entertain your senses" in Abingdon. Until next time, I hope to see you out and about.

Very truly yours,



This just in!

Town of Abingdon selected as a Community Finalist for the 2010 All-America City Award!



Now in its 61st year, the All-America City Awards recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties and metro regions for outstanding civic accomplishments. More than 500 communities have received the honor since its inception. The Tri-Cities region (including Abingdon) as a whole won the All-America City Award in 1999. To win, communities have to demonstrate their ability to address serious challenges with innovative, grassroots strategies that promote inclusiveness, civic engagement and cooperation between the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Out of the 26 Finalists, ten winners will be announced on June 18.



~ JAMIE CHAFIN ~

Jamie Chafin is the Town of Abingdon Street Superintendent. He was born in Abingdon and was raised in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Jamie graduated from Powell Valley High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force for four years. His responsibilities as Street Superintendent are managing the everyday activities of the Street Department, Solid Waste Department and the Town Shop. He is to make sure the streets within the Town are maintained to allow safe travels for our residences. Also, Jamie helps enhance roadways, median beatification, storm water management and traffic operations.

Mr. Chafin resides in Meadowview, Virginia with his wife, Carol, and their daughter Lindsey. He enjoys jeeping, fishing, four-wheeling and spending time with his family. As a resident of the Town, please thank Jamie for all his hard work to ensure our safety while on the road.

~ SARITA MOORE ~

Environmental Compliance Supervisor at the Wolf Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. After graduating from the University of Virginia's College at Wise with a B.S. in Environmental Science, Sarita began her career as a Wastewater Operator Trainee in July 1996. Sarita has created and implemented several pretreatment programs; the Oil and Grease Trap Discharge Policy which she created is highly regarded as one of the best in the Commonwealth. Some of her every day duties include enforcing the EPA's Clean Water Act, monitoring all liquid waste discharged and hauled to the Wolf Creek Reclamation Facility, reviewing building plans of new commercial businesses and several others.

Sarita was born in Wise, VA and grew up in Clintwood, VA. She enjoys spending time with her husband Gary and their 5 cats. She also enjoys spending time with her family, especially her niece Kaitlyn and her nephews Wyatt, Carson and Ryan. In her spare time, she plays bass in a band with her husband and enjoys playing tennis, photography, traveling, cooking and camping. An active member of the Abingdon Go Green Committee and various other conservation groups, she is passionate about protecting the environment.



~ BETH GILMER ~

Beth Gilmer is a new addition at the Town Hall, serving as an intern to Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning. Miss Gilmer has lived in Abingdon since she was four and graduated from Abingdon High School. Beth will graduate in May from Radford University School of Communication with a Bachelor's of Arts and Sciences Degree in Media Studies with a concentration in Advertising. She is the creator of the Black's Fort Messenger's new design layout and is assisting Garrett on other graphic design and marketing projects.



Above: Beth Gilmer, Intern and her nephew, Brady.

As Council elections approach in May, one person will be missing from the ballot; Mrs. Lois Humphreys. Mrs. Humphreys will be ending a twenty-two year run as Council member. Tenille Montgomery, Administrative Assistant in the Town Manager's Office, decided to sit down with her and ask her a few questions about her experience and her future.

TM: Why did you decide to first run for Town Council?

LH: There had been a lot of talk around town about the community not caring where the Town direction was going and I wanted to prove them wrong. The Wednesday before the deadline I decided to run; I had all my materials turned in by that Tuesday. It was a last minute decision but it was worth it.

TM: What is your favorite memory?

LH: My favorite memory was visiting Abingdon, England in June of 2006 and to have those people come visit us in return, it meant the most to me. Also, going to Washington, DC to receive our All-America Region award.

TM: What was your favorite Town project?

LH: The Harry L. Coomes Recreation Center was the largest project to be involved in and the most memorable. I have loved being involved with the parks that have been developed throughout the town. I have enjoyed all the projects and working with the community on them.

TM: What will you do on Monday nights without Council meetings to attend?

LH: I will still be at the meetings to make sure everything is going ok.

TM: What do you have planned for your spare time?

LH: What spare time? I am going to take time to organize all my dolls and photography's. I am still going to be involved with the church, community and the soup kitchen.

TM: What is your hope for the future of Abingdon?

LH: My hope is that we can continue to move forward, maintain and protect the historic part, protect the present and maintain it for the future. I want our historic assets to remain protected and preserved. I wish all the best for the future of the Town and hope the entire community stand behind everything. I have had an amazing experience and I have loved everyone I have worked with. The people of the community and the Town employees have all been great; I hope everything continues to thrive. A big thank you to everyone who has made my experience on Town Council a great and unforgettable one.



Did you know?

When first established, Abingdon was governed by a *Board of Trustees*, appointed by the Virginia General Assembly. In 1834, the Town Charter was amended to allow the citizens to elect a *Town Council*, with a Mayor to be chosen by the Council members. The first Mayor under this system was John Montgomery Preston.

Down at the Muster Grounds

Work continues at the Muster Grounds where the interpretive center is nearing completion. Warmer weather will bring about the final phases of the project including driveway replacement and a new geothermal heating and cooling system. In keeping with the Town's "Go Green" initiatives, the new geothermal unit will harness underground water resources in order to efficiently heat and cool the center. On June 5, 2010 the town will join in the National Trails Day celebration with a dedication of a new pedestrian bridge and a "soft" opening of the interpretive center. Hill Studio has been retained for Phase III of the overall project, completing a redesign of the backyard of Retirement for the amphitheater seating area and other landscape architecture improvements around the property.

The Town is exploring a contract with Eastern National, a non-profit cooperating association, operating educational retail outlets in 30 states, from Maine to Florida and the Caribbean and in more than 150 national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National would stock and maintain the gift shop component of the interpretive center with products like one would find at Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown. All of the products, programs and publications offered to visitors have a strong educational value. The profits from our activities are donated to the National Park Service and our other partners to further support their educational and interpretive programs.

The Town was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the National Park Service-Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail Office (NPS) in order to perform an archaeological resource survey on the property. The request for proposals to qualified archaeologists will be advertised in April 2010. The Town and NPS want to have a community dig event so the public can participate with the archaeologist in the process.

Article submitted by Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

THREE COUNCIL SEATS AVAILABLE



MAY 4TH, 2010

6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. • TOWN HALL

HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES...

~ BOB HOWARD ~



Birthplace: Abingdon, Virginia

Occupation: Employed with Highlands Union Bank as Vice-President/Safety and Security/Facilities Manager.

Community Involvement: Abingdon Fire Department (Captain), Chairman on Church Council at Abingdon United Methodist Church, Vice-Chairman of Tree Commission and Sports Complex Committee.

Vision Statement: As an Abingdon native and one with 28 years prior service on the Town Council (1984-2008), I want to again serve the citizens of Abingdon and work toward completion of projects I was previously involved with. Our town's walk ability and improved traffic flow will not only serve existing residents and businesses but will be more inviting to tourists. We need tourism to ensure no increases in property taxes and a sports complex to attract athletic venues to the area. We need to preserve our history and actively recruit businesses, being receptive to new development in a controlled manner. Currently serving as Captain of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department, with 38 years of service, I understand the town's need to improve on emergency and public services. A Council member must make the best decisions based on the information they have. I have 24 years of experience and would like to again be involved in making these decisions.

~ RICK HUMPHREYS ~

Birthplace: Abingdon, Virginia

Occupation: Postmaster of Castlewood, VA branch of the United States Postal Service.

Community Involvement: Town of Abingdon Muster Grounds Committee, VA Highlands Festival, Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution and member of the Abingdon United Methodist Church.

Vision Statement: My vision for Abingdon is concerns our quality of life; the very services which improve our community will attract others to visit and encourage business development. We need to recruit businesses and offer incentives and updated infrastructure to retain existing and future businesses. I will encourage improving the promotion of our history and culture. As a member of the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority, I designed a program to utilize 1% of Abingdon's real estate tax for small grants to low/moderate income, owner-occupant home owners for home repairs to provide warm, safe, dry, affordable housing to those in need in our town. Through the creation of a mentor program for middle and high school students, I want to encourage our youth to become involved with public service and explore why they might want to pursue a career in government. Above all, if elected, I promise two things; first to listen and second, to work hard.



Which Council member represents you?

Well...all of them! Abingdon Town Council members are not elected to represent a certain district, ward or neighborhood, but the entire town. Also, candidates do not run on political party affiliation.

~ CATHY LOWE ~



Birthplace: Abingdon, Virginia

Occupation: Owner of Alter Ego Gift Shop

Community Involvement: VP of Community Affairs Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Abingdon Rotary Club, American Cancer Society and Small Business Advisory Board.

Vision Statement: As your Town Council member and a native who understands Abingdon, I will continue to bring progressive ideas and new perspectives to the Council and represent the community with honesty and open government. In my first campaign, I promised to promote open government; we now have all Town Council meetings broadcast and archived on the internet. I have served on the Planning Commission since 2006 and understand the development needs and issues our Town faces. Having owned a small business in town since 1979; I will continue to promote tourism and local businesses and listen to your concerns, working to bring the community together. I will continue to work toward a strong partnership between the Town and County governments. Over the past couple of years, our two governments have worked more closely than ever before and the relationship improves with each new project we venture into. There is always more work to do and I continue to represent the “will of the people”.

~ CARL MALLORY ~

Birthplace: Greeneville, Tennessee

Occupation: Director of Marketing for United Central Industrial Supply

Community Involvement: Advance Abingdon, VA Highlands Festival, Barter Theatre Board of Trustees and VA Highlands Small Business Incubator Board.

Vision Statement: While enjoying the benefits of small town life, I have found that the most productive way to embrace this adopted town that my family and I love is by offering my diverse experience to serve the community of Abingdon. As a Main Street resident, I have observed the day to day life of our neighbors and merchants, and have come to understand the needs of our residents, businesses and corporations through my service on various boards and organizations. As an elected official I plan to formally be a voice of these individuals and businesses, and encourage their involvement by holding public forums. I also want to promote and expand our cooperative efforts with the County. I plan to utilize my professional experience as a strategic business planner to assist in building our economic foundation and improve our collective quality of life. Most importantly, I want to protect our small town roots while preserving and enhancing our heritage ~ its history, arts and culture.



~ FRENCH MOORE, JR. ~



Birthplace: Abingdon, Virginia

Occupation: Retired Dentist

Community Involvement: Virginia Creeper Trail Board, Abingdon Recreation Commission, Mt. Rogers Planning District, Abingdon Muster Grounds Committee, Washington County Historical Society and Heartwood: SWVA Artisan Gateway Board.

Vision Statement: A native of Abingdon and 42-year veteran of the Abingdon Town Council, I've served 30 years as Vice Mayor and 6 years as Mayor. I have made a concerted effort to listen to all citizens, no matter where they live in town. Having served on local, state and national levels in a variety of organizations, I understand the importance of maintaining a strong network for Abingdon to operate within, and this made our town successful in many areas. I have a passion for Abingdon and the surrounding communities, serving 17 years on the Washington County Planning Commission and believe in more communication and a better work relationship with the County. I have worked to keep property taxes down while benefiting from the booming tourism industry in Abingdon. I have spent my adult life participating in the creation and sustaining of a vibrant and thriving town that celebrates its heritage while embracing the future.



Figaredo's restaurant was established in 2006 in Acapulco, Mexico, and relocated to Abingdon this winter. Owners Naomi and Santiago Figaredo, are very happy in their new location and want everyone to enjoy what they have to offer: "brick oven pizza", homemade pasta, risottos, fresh salads, and a value lunch menu with different specials every day.

Chef Naomi Figaredo graduated from the French Culinary Institute of Manhattan in NY, and worked in various restaurants including "Le Cirque" in NY City and in Mexico where she met her husband Santiago who was a manager there. Figaredo's is located in "The Falls Plaza", on Russell road, and opens Monday to Friday for lunch from 11:30am to 2:30pm, and dinner from Thursday to Saturday from 5pm to 9:30pm.

Special lunch menu is offered every day for just \$9.50, with your choice of Pasta of the day, brick oven calzone of the day or Grilled Chicken Salad, including half soup or half salad.

(276) 206-8059

<http://www.fallsplaza.com/figaredosrestaurant>
figaredos@hotmail.com



Wolf Hills Brewing Company is Abingdon's first modern microbrewery. Celebrating its Abingdon roots through the name of the company itself (the name that Daniel Boone gave Abingdon) and its beers: Creeper Trail Amber Ale, Black's Fort India Brown Ale, Fightin' Parson's Pale Ale (named for Rev. Charles Cummings), Stonewall Heights Stout, along with multiple other seasonal offerings. Drawing from this rich history, Wolf Hills melds together time-honored brewing methods using only the highest quality ingredients with modern beer styles inspired by the wide array of fragrant hops from the Pacific-Northwest. Since its opening only a few months ago, Wolf Hills has already begun to stake its claim in the craft beer world through draft beer at the Martha Washington Inn, House on Main, and the Hardware Company in Abingdon and the Lucky Pub in Marion as well as participating in beer festivals such as the Blacksburg Brew Do. Every Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m., craft beer enthusiasts gather for "Growler Hours" at the 475 Palmer Street brewery in order to purchase the freshest beer in the area. In early 2010, Wolf Hills will announce the full details of a massive expansion in the brewing system, a new brewery location and exciting new venues where you may purchase the fruits of their labor. Try one for yourself, you'll be howling for more.

Cheers! bbbb.



Spring Cooking Expo

Abingdon Parks and Recreation unveiled its first annual Spring Mix Cooking Expo Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 12 pm – 3 pm. It was a 3 hour tasting extravaganza-occupying the Coomes Recreation Center Meeting Rooms. Featuring local chefs providing cooking presentations and demonstrations, and an endless buffet of nutritious sampling, the Spring Mix Cooking Expo was a celebration of the best, newest, and most enticing tastes and ideas available in Abingdon's local restaurants. The admission for the community - just two canned goods, which was donated to one of Abingdon's local food pantries!

time to educate them about making healthy choices when eating out. With a variety of food being sampled, there was something for everyone at the Expo! With the first annual event being such a success, mark your calendar now to attend the Spring Mix Cooking Expo in 2011! Don't miss your chance to savor the best food that is available in your own backyard, Abingdon, Virginia. We would like to thank our 2010 Exhibitors for making this event so successful!!!

Anita Givens R.D.
Figaredo's
The Harvest Table
The Martha Washington Hotel and Spa
Mediterranean Oven Restaurant
Quincey's Pizza and Backyard Grill

Southeast Culinary and Hospitality College
The Trail Café
The Tavern Restaurant
WJ's
Sam's Club for donating water

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 24, 2010
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fields-Penn House
Abingdon, VA

FREE e-Cycling
Bring your used & old Electronics!

Farmers Market!
Locally Grown
Produce and Crafts



\$10 Rain Barrel
Workshop!*

The Town of Abingdon and the Go Green Committee
invite you to come out and celebrate
EARTH DAY!

FREE kid's area with inflatables!

FREE face painting!

FREE composting workshop!

FREE e-waste Recycling!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

There will be many FREE events as well as the Abingdon Farmers Market, displays and informational booths set up by various environmental organizations, and local food vendors will also be available on site.

*Rain barrel workshop requires registration by emailing SLEAB@tnc.org or by calling Sherrie Laab at 276-676-2209. For questions regarding the Earth Day Event, please call Sarita Moore at 276-619-9653



HEY KIDS!!!!

BRING THIS COUPON IN FOR A FREE "GREEN" TOTE FILLED WITH LOTS OF COOL STUFF!*

*while supplies last



The Abingdon Go Green Committee
Abingdon, VA



Pictured Above: A Brazilian delegation from Rotary International Group Study Exchange spent the day with Town Officials.

Don't miss the opening day of the 2010 Abingdon Farmers' Market: April 17th!

We are fortunate to have one of the best farmers' markets in the region! The Abingdon Farmers' Market has been a destination spot for residents as well as visitors, and when you visit it is clear why! The diversity of products is unsurpassed and includes: organic, heirloom and traditionally raised produce, grass fed meats, artisanal breads, plants, fresh cut flower bouquets, quality craft products, soaps, pottery, eggs, cheese & more!

Studies show that for every \$1 spent locally, up to \$14 in economic activity is generated in other local businesses. Compare that to chain stores, where only .15 per dollar stays within the community. Not to mention, when you shop locally at your farmers' market you get the freshest foods at affordable prices! It is really a win-win situation for the producers, consumers & local economy. We are now accepting SNAP and Debit cards for your convenience.

During the 2010 season from April-November, the Market will continue to offer a variety of musical events, chef demonstrations and educational opportunities. Our Tuesday Market will be highlighted with new activities including Storytelling Time and a Mobile Library offered by the Washington County Public Library, as well as simple dinner demonstrations to help busy customers find a quick, reliable and affordable dinner option with local food. New local music talent will be joining us this season, as well as old favorites like Susan Brown and Friends and Jan Benschop. Educational opportunities will include a variety of workshops such as preserving your harvest, composting, nutrition and medicinal herbs. Raffles, contests and kids' activities are also in the mix; the lineup is fantastic, and you won't want to miss an event!

For more information, and a full lineup of calendar events, please visit our website: www.abingdonfarmersmarket.net. You can sign up for our weekly newsletter, view the event calendar, and take a look at what is offered each week. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome! Please send them to: contact@abingdonfarmersmarket.net.



Virginia Downtown Development Association

The Virginia Downtown Development Association will be holding their 2010 Annual Workshop in Abingdon on May 27th. The event will be held at the Martha Washington Inn, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$75. Features of the event include the following presentations:

David Hill, President, Hill Studios, Roanoke: Designing for the Creative Economy; Anthony Flaccavento, The Slow Food Movement and how Farmers Markets Revive Downtowns; Diana Blackburn, Round the Mountain: The Role of Artists and Artisans and the Importance of Visual Arts; Woody Crenshaw, Floyd – A Case Study.

Register for the workshop at www.downtownvirginia.org

BE
THERE!

The 2010 Abingdon Music Experience

Abingdon
Music
Experience

April 18th– Afternoon of Jazz– 2010 Highlands Jazz Festival at Abingdon Senior Center

May 8th– Rollin' in the Bluegrass at the Abingdon Market Pavilion

May 29th– Memorial Day Celebration at the Abingdon Market Pavilion with an Elvis Impersonator

June 26th– Blues Festival at Latture Field

July 4th– Coomes Center Celebration and Fireworks

August 14th– Beach Party at Latture Field

September 25th– Oktoberfest at the Abingdon Market Pavilion

October 23rd– Sleepy Hollow

*Information available at
www.abingdonva.us*



Abingdon receives Virginia Main Street Milestone Award

- Advance Abingdon receives award for volunteer contribution at Lynchburg ceremony -

On Thursday, March 25, Advance Abingdon was presented with a Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Award for more than 1,000 volunteer hours contributed toward downtown revitalization since being designated as a Virginia Main Street community in 2007. The award was presented at the Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the program at a special dinner held at Lynchburg, Virginia's Craddock Terry Hotel.

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director William C. Shelton addressed the Main Street volunteers, local leaders, businesses, local governments and private investors in attendance. "The work being done in Main Street communities requires a collaborative effort across the private, public, and nonprofit sectors," said Shelton to the group of more than 100 gathered. "This award is especially meaningful because, as a new non-profit, community involvement is and will continue to be the cornerstone of Advance Abingdon's success," commented Elisabeth Iskra, Executive Director. "Way to go, Abingdon!"



Pictures': Advance Abingdon volunteers help with Main Street projects



Abingdon now a National Main Street Community

On May 1, 2010 Abingdon will officially enjoy a new designation, that of nationally accredited Main Street Community by the Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This recognition is earned through consistent achievement by the Main Street organization and community in such areas as community support, organizational mission and budget, historic preservation ethic and volunteerism.

MERCHANT FOCUS:

The House On Main is under new management! The new ownership has partnered with Troutdale Kitchens to re-imagine an Abingdon favorite. The restaurant at 231 West Main Street in the historic retail district will re-open Monday, May 3, 2010. It will reflect "a taste of the mountains, a taste of Abingdon" says Ben Zandi, driving force behind the Troutdale brand. The majority of the produce, beef, poultry, lamb and pork will be grown from the Appalachian region. Chef Jassen Campbell will work closely with vendors at the Abingdon Farmers Market, to create imaginative, seasonal menus. "Everything is made fresh, from fresh drink mixers, soups, sauces, and dressings to the main courses and desserts." The bar will offer a large selection of wines including many from Virginia, as well as a variety of single malt scotch and specialty martinis. Lunches will be offered at prices under \$14 and the majority of dinners will be under \$20. The hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday, 11AM-2PM for lunch and 5-10PM for dinner. Sunday brunch is also being considered! Questions or comments can be directed to bz@thetroutdale.com. Troutdale Kitchens is the proud recipient of the James Beard Foundation Award for Excellence.



OTHER BIZ BRIEFS:

Friday and Saturday evenings!

- Stop by the Martha Washington Hotel and Spa at 150 W. Main Street for various live musical acts at their new Cabaret. Doors open at 7PM, three sets begin at 8PM and run until midnight. Cover charge is \$10 to patrons who are not overnight guests of the hotel. Call 628-3161 for information. Also visit the Trail Café, 128 Pecan Street to try its new, expanded, weekend dinner menu.

ADVANCE Abingdon, a Virginia Main Street organization, is a volunteer driven, community based non-profit organization. Build your community! Have Fun! **Volunteer or become a Community Partner.** Visit the office at 335 Cummings Street inside the Abingdon CVB, send inquiries to advance@abingdonva.us, or become a fan on FACEBOOK.

Articles submitted by Elisabeth Iskra, Advance Abingdon and Douglas Jackson, VMS.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Town Council Meetings
First Monday of Each Month
7:30pm
Town Hall
Public Welcome

Board of Architectural Review
First Wednesday of Each Month
5:00pm
Town Hall
Public Welcome

Board of Zoning Appeals
Second Tuesday of Each
Month (if called)
6:00pm
Town Hall
Public Welcome

Plumb Alley Day
May 29th

Memorial Day
May 31st
Town Offices will be
CLOSED

Planning Commission
Fourth Monday of Each Month
7:00pm
Town Hall
Public Welcome